

heart; being a patriot is somebody who does love a neighbor.

And that's going across all across this land. You know, I first got into politics because I believed that I could make a difference in helping change a culture, from one which said, "If it feels good, do it, and if you've got a problem, blame somebody else." See, I was hoping to help usher in a period of personal responsibility, when each of us understands we're responsible for the decisions we make in life.

If you're responsible—if you're a mother or dad, your most important responsibility is to love your child with all your heart and all your soul. If you're living—if you're living in Boston, Massachusetts, you're responsible for helping people in need, not some faraway government. If you're running a corporation, you're responsible for telling the truth to your employees and your shareholders and the public.

It's happening. It's happening. Perhaps the most vivid example was Flight 93, people flying across the country. They heard from their loved ones that the plane was going to be used as a weapon. They said goodbye. They used the word "love" a lot. They said a prayer. A guy said, "Let's roll." They took the plane into the ground to serve something greater than themselves in life.

No, the enemy hit us. But see, they didn't know—they didn't know the character of this great country. They didn't realize that this country is a country which will fight for peace, lead the world for peace. And this is a country which will make sure that everybody who lives here understands that the great American experience, the great hope of this country, is available for everybody. There's no doubt in my mind we can accomplish these objectives, because America is the greatest country, full of the finest people, on the face of the Earth.

God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:48 p.m. in the Plaza Ballroom at the Seaport Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to Ann Romney, wife of candidate Mitt Romney; Ramzi bin al-Shibh, an Al Qaida operative suspected of helping to plan the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, who was captured in Karachi, Pakistan; and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

September 30

In the afternoon, the President returned from the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Philip Merrill to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

The President announced his intention to appoint Fidel Alfonso Vargas as a member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

October 1

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with a bipartisan group of House Members to discuss the proposed joint resolution to authorize the use of force against Iraq.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Isidore on September 23 and continuing.

October 2

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal to express his condolences to families of the victims of the ferryboat sinking near Senegal on September 26, and to discuss the situation in the Ivory Coast.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, where they participated in a roundtable discussion as part of the White House Conference on Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children. In the afternoon, they returned to the White House.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Baltimore, MD, and in the evening returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven B. Nesmith to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.

October 3

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda of Slovakia to congratulate him on his electoral victory. Later, he had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney and later met with the LULAC National Board of Directors.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room at the White House, the President welcomed Blair House Gala participants.

October 4

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Boston, MA, and later to the Bush family home on Walker's Point in Kennebunkport, ME.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert J. Battista to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board and, upon confirmation, to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Wilma B. Liebman to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The President announced his appointment of Timothy Alan Campen as Director of the Office of Administration.

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas C. Dorr as a member of the Board of Directors of the Rural Telephone Bank.

The President declared a major disaster in Louisiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Lili beginning October 1 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 30

Albert Casey,
of Texas, to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2009, vice Tirso del Junco, term expired, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Thomas C. Dorr,
of Iowa, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, vice Jill L. Long, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Thomas C. Dorr,
of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, vice Jill L. Long, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Cheryl Feldman Halpern,
of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2008, vice Heidi H. Schulman, term expired, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Tony Hammond,
of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 14, 2004, vice Edward Jay Gleiman, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Susanne T. Marshall,
of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, vice Beth Susan Slavet, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.